The School of Law is hosting five major conferences in fall 2004.

Leading legal scholars and social scientists from around the country will convene at the School of Law October 7–9, 2004, for a Center for Interdisciplinary Studies conference on The Future of Social Sciences.

This conference’s goals include setting an agenda for interdisciplinary research in the social sciences and investigating the roles of interdisciplinary campus centers.

Panelists will include Douglass C. North, the Spencer T. Olin Professor in Arts & Sciences at Washington University, and Vernon Smith, a fellow of George Mason University’s Mercatus Center. They received the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1993 and 2002, respectively.

The School of Law’s Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies is co-sponsoring a conference to be held in Beijing, the People’s Republic of China, October 19–20, 2004, on Comparative Approaches to Regulating Religion and Belief: State Authority and the Rule of Law.

Barbara Flagg, professor of law, is organizing an October 29, 2004, conference on Whiteness that will examine critical perspectives on what it means to be Caucasian and the role “whiteness” plays in law and society. Law professors John Calmore, University of North Carolina; Sumi Cho, DePaul University; John Powell, Ohio State University; Thomas Ross, University of Pittsburgh; Judy Scales-Trent, State University of New York—University at Buffalo; Gerald Torres, University of Texas at Austin; Rebecca Tsoie, Arizona State University; and Stephanie Wildman, Santa Clara University, will be making presentations, along with sociology professor Helen Moore, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and history professor David Roediger, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

On November 12–13, 2004, the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies will join Saint Louis University in hosting Lawyers and Jurists in the 21st Century, marking the anniversary of the Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jurists convened in St. Louis during the 1904 World’s Fair. Mirjan Damaska, professor of law at Yale University, will deliver the keynote address on ‘Models of Criminal Procedure Reform.’


The School’s Center for Interdisciplinary Studies will host the December 3–4, 2004, conference on Planning Reform in the New Century. The conference will wrestle with planning challenges such as urban sprawl, the need for affordable housing, and new model land use legislation. Daniel R. Mandelker, the Howard A. Stamper Professor of Law, is organizing the conference.

The conference will feature two keynote speakers: Paul Farmer, director of American Planning Association, and United States Representative Marcy Kaptur of Ohio.

Panels will focus on “Political Leadership in Planning Statute Reform,” “A Survey and Critique of Contemporary Efforts/Growing Smart,” “Sprawl and Urban Growth,” “The Role of the Comprehensive Plan,” “Housing and Regulatory Streamlining,” and “Evaluating the Impacts of State and Local Programs.”

For more information on the School of Law’s conferences, visit law.wustl.edu.